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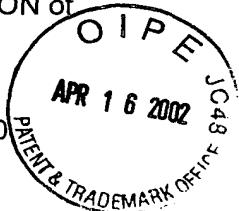
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

VAN SCHAIK et al.

Application No. 09/988,830

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Group Art Unit: 1756

Examiner: Unknown

Title: LITHOGRAPHIC PROJECTION APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD,
DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY, CLEANING UNIT AND METHOD OF
CLEANING CONTAMINATED OBJECTS

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Attached is Form PTO-1449 listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits, therefore, no fee is due. Should a first Action on the merits have been issued on the same day or before this Information Disclosure Statement is filed, please accept this Information Disclosure Statement under Rule 97(c) and charge the requisite Rule 1.17(p) fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81468/284105 and proceed to consider this Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is intended to be in full compliance with the rules, but should the Examiner find any part of its required content to have been omitted, prompt notice to that effect is earnestly solicited, along with additional time under Rule 97(f), to enable Applicants to comply fully.

Consideration of the foregoing and the enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 along with an early action on the merits of this application are earnestly solicited.

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